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CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of pending prior Application No. 09/375,333, (Confirmation No. 4896), filed August 16, 1999.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the:

- [X] Specification (102 pages);
- [X] Claims (19);
- [X] Abstract;
- [X] Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- [X] Paper copy of Sequence Listing (40 pages);
- [X] Formal Drawings (26 sheets. Figs. 1-15);
- [X] Application Data Sheet; and
- [X] Postcard;

for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- ☐ Unexecuted.
- ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☒ The prior application, Application No. 09/375,333, filed August 16, 1999, is assigned of record to Stryker Corporation.

Also transmitted herewith are:

- ☒ Twenty-Six (26) sheets of:
  - ☒ Formal drawings.
  - ☐ Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recording fee.
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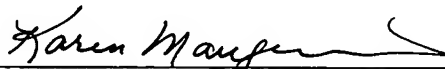
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Respectfully submitted,



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